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MERGER OF S.S.A. INTO MID DAY MEAL SCHEME
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Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is considering to merge Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan (SSA) with Mid-Day-Meal Programme;

(b) whether modalities have been worked out in this regard; and

(c) if so, manner in which two schemes with different objectives and implementing agencies can work smoothly?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT(SHRI M.A.A. FATMI)

(a), (b) & (c): It is not correct to say that Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan and Mid-Day-Meal Schemes have different objectives. In fact, they both aim at universalisation of primary education. As such, they are meant to be implemented in a coordinated and synergistic manner. However, no decision has so far been taken to merge the two schemes.